BLAME FOR GUNBOAT HORROR ATTRIBUTED TO NEGLIGENCE

Assertions Made by Men of Wrec ked Bennington That Officials Knew Boilers to Be in Bad Condition - One Compartment Leaked Badly, and Mechanic Had Been Summoned to Repair It -Commander Young Says E xplosives Did Not Cause Great Disaster-Investigation to Be Made by Read Admiral Good-

DEATH LIST MAY BE SWELLED TO A TOTAL OF EIGHTY-ONE.



Of Pacific. Mo., a member of the crew of the gunboat Bennington, who was killed by the explosion in San Diego Harbor.

ON DENNINGTON DISASTER.

San Diego, Cai., July 22—John
Turpin, a negro man of the crew
that was on board the Maine when
she was blewn up in Havana, was
on board the Eenmington, and again
escaped injury. He rendered valuable aid in rescuing the dead and
excited and in rescuing the dead and

Squadron, had been erdered to Ban Diego. The state of forthwith. Fuls is taken to mean a navall state of the explosion absent the Bennington and the fixing of hame therefor.

Captain Brake and Surgeon Smith, both from Mare Island Navy Yard, are upon the scene, the former to direct operations on the arceked vessel and the latter to the series. sected in carring for the bigired and direct the burying of the dead. With Surgeon Smith cause four hospital stewards, whose assistance will be released by the over-worked medical corps now in charge. BENNINGTON DEEP IN MUD.

The Bennington to-night lies deeper than ever in the mud and shallow water on the shores of the bay, and no apparent progress was made in the work of pumping out her flooded compariments. Until this is accomplished the secrets of her horror chambers will not be discovered.

ered.
This much is known, however. Seven bodies are wedged beneath collapsed crown sheets and burst bulkheads of the fire toom. How many more may be found in the compartments, new forbidden ground, is entire conjecture.

YOUNG MAKES STATEMENT.
Commander Lucien Young was seen in his quarters aboard the Hennington this afternoon, life was asked to make a statement as to the cause of the explosion and its effects upon the machinery. He said:

As to the cause of the explosion, I can-"As to the cause of the explosion, I cannot say supthing, because I do not know what I do know, is that the domage was caused by an exploding boiler or boilers. The crown sheet of belier B collarsed and the boilerhead hien out breaking through the steel buikhead, separating it from boiler D, the other main port boiler immediately aft. Builer II was forced buck, the crownsheet collapsing and breaking down the steel buikhead separating it from the fireroom.

"Everyone in the fireroom at the time was hilled. Three bodies are now ointened down by the collapsed crown-sheet of boiler D, and four more by the burst buikhead. These bodies we are now trying to release. In order to do this it will be necessary to cut the steel buikhead in

necessary to cut the steel bulkhead in such shape that it may be recessary to smember it in order to take it out. We hindered, of course by the water in a boiler and fire rooms and are taking captres to pump this out as rapidly as

tested to 225 pounds pressure. At the time of the explosion we carried only 125 pounds.

"When were the boilers last inspected?"

"I cannot snewer as to the exact date, but it was within the last few months."

The arrival of Captain Drake of Mare Island was announced at this point, and the commander hastened to the gangplank to greet him.

He then declined to make any further statement.

Asserting the dead and a sequence value of the commander maximum of its long rote of casual fit was passed boar of the commander maximum of its long rote of casual fit was passed boar of the commander maximum of its long rote of casual fit was a long to the compander from the commander maximum of its long rote of casual fit was a long to the compander from the commander maximum of its long rote of casual fit was an interest to the foreign and the compander from the commander maximum of the compander from the commander maximum of the compander from the compander from the commander from the compander from the compan

It was to this place that Ensign Perry was brought from the explosion, and from there his dead body was removed only a PERRY'S WIDOW SHOCKED

PERRY'S WIDOW SHOCKED
Ensign Perry's widow arrived here on
the altermoon train from San Francisco.
Until she was met and told by Lieutenani Yates at the station, she did not
know that her husband was dead The
telegram conveying news of his death
did not rouch San Francisco before she
took the train for San Diego. She came
happing to find her husband not seriously
hurt and the news of his death was a
terrible shock to her.
To-morrow the Fennington's dead will be
accorded all the honors of a military funenal and the bodies will be interred in the
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Just how many will be buried here can-not be determined to-night, not even by he officers in charge of the preparations, learns of telegrams have come from reintives of the dead from every quarter to-day and several have requested the bodies of their dead sent to them. of their dead sent to them. The requests will be complied with, and until to-morrow the exact number that will be excerted to their last resting place, high upon the slope overlooking the beautiful buy of Sun Diego, will not be known.

The saddening procession of the Ben-nington's dead will start from the Pinza, in the center of San Disco. in the center of San Diego, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. A score or more of hearses and undertakers wagons will carry the bodies, together with the masses of flowers that have been offered by hunof flowers that have been offered by hundreds of San Diego women, to Fort Rosecrane. These religious ceremonies. Catholic and Episcopal, will be performed. The saval reserve of San Diego has been ordered to report to qualities to-morrow, and set as an escort to the burial ground.

ENGLAND SENDS CONDOLENCES.
From the British admirally office came a relegram to-day extending sympathy and laying is ficial tribute upon the bier of the dead sailors. It is as follows:
London, July 22.—To vice Consul C. B. Allen. San Diego, Cal., Please arrange for a sunable wreath to be sent on the secusion of the funeral of the victims of the arcident to the U. S. S. Bennington, with sincere sympathy of the British Navy and Admiralty.

Chief Engineer Lieutenant Wade of the

the boiler and fire rooms and are taking measures to pemp this out as rapidly as possible. I cannot express an opinion as to when we will reach the bodies.

"The Associated Fress has a dispatch from Washington quoting Rear Admiral C.W. Ras. Chief Engineer of the Navy to the effect that he can only account for the damage has been done the hull not be been done the section of the hull not be been done the section of the hull not be been done the self when the ship where the emplosives, was suggested.

"That is entirely wrong There were no high explosives in the part of the ship where the emplosives occurred, and I am positive that it will be found that all demands was caused by the boliers."

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KNEW BOILER WAS WEAK.

Washington, July 22.—Rear Admiral C. W. Rae, Chief Engineer Officer of the Navy, says be can only account for the damage done the Bennington by an explosion of high explosives, and he reiterates that there was nothing in the reports to the bureau to show that the boilers were in an unaafe condition.

He said this afternoon:

"After examining the pians of the Bennington in the light of the dispatches giving an account of the deck.

"If there were high explosives in the sheliroom just forward of the pumproom and forward foreword ferroom, and they were exploded by the concussion, that would account for the damage done."

The detail plans of the boilers of the Bennington show a pumproom, a narrow

The detail plans of the boilers of the Bennington show a pumproom, a narrow space just forward of the fireroom and immediately forward of the pumproom a sheliroom. Attention was called to-day to the regulations governing the inspection of the boiler, which show that the boilers of all warships in the navy must be inspected every three months. The regulation is as follows.

"Boilers will be thoroughly extinued at regular intervals of about three months other examinations being made as opportunity offers and as the senior engineer may consider necessary. A detailed description of the condition of each boiler at each of these examinations shall be entered in the steam log and the senior engineer officer's remark-book."

REPAIRS AT HONOLULU NOT MADE ON BOILERS.

Honolulu, July 22—Repairs on the Ben-nington, occupying three weeks time, were made here by the Catton-Neill Com-pany, but not on the holiers. The main shaft of the port engine was lifted out, and the thrust collars rebab-bited. The piston rod of the port engine, which was bent half an inch on the way lere, was straightened, and a crew under the Machinist Bert Wheeler repaired the steam-piping.

There is a rumor here that the Renning ton's boilers were leaking before she left. The machinists employed on the vessel satisfied and situation with her recent departure from this port the Beamington was delayed two hours because one of her boilers was rendered useless by a leaking plug. The vessel was scheduled to start at 1120 p. m. on July 8. but left at 120 a. m. on July 8. but left at 12

right.
The Bennington visited the leper settlement and remained part of July 9 She then returned to Honolulu, but stayed off the harbor, sending the Honofulu people who were on board ashere in a faunch.

COMMANDER OF SHIP

San Diego, Cal. July 22 - Commander, Young expressed the opinion that there was a weak spot in one of the boilers, but said there had been no visible defects so said there had been no visible defects to far as he knew.

The men injured tell a different story. They say that it has been the talk of the slip for at least six months that the bullers were defective, many of them having feared for a long time that just such an accident would happen.

COMMANDER YOUNG IS

Men Who Broke Into Grocers

Store Escape With Bottled Whisky.

That the iid will have few terrors for burglars who robbed the grocery store of Henry Finke at Fourteenth and Madison streets early yesterday morning stems evidenced by the fact that their chief plunder was whisky of which they removed a large quantity in bottles.

After opening a store in the helphorhood little more than two weeks ago. Finke visited the place to find it in the wildest confusion, with the front door unlocked and the stock thrown around in disorder. The transom had been forced and it is presumed that one burgler entered by this way, then opening the door for his companion. for his companion.

That there must have been at least three or four marauders is the belief of the police, based on the number of bottles of figure which were stolen. A large sack of coffee way a so missing, and the tobacco stock had been thoroughly gone over and a large amount taken.

Three men, suspected of the robbery. Three men, suspected of the robbers were being traced by the police vesterday

Nellie Lallement Remanded to Her Mother Until To Morrow.

Her Mother Until To-Morrow.

The habeas corpus suit of Lottie Estalehorn against her former husband. Emile
Lallement and his sister. Mrs. Kate Loda
of De Soto, Mo. for possession of her Mvear-old daughter. Neille Lailement, was
partly heard yesterday in the St. Louis
Court of Appeals and laid over until tomorrow.

Judge Nortoni remanded the girl to the
care of her mother until the case comes
up to-morrow.

The petitioner states in her application
for the writ of habeas corpus that she obtained a divorce from Lailement April 1.

1967, and that the custody of her daughter
was quested to her. Su months after she
obtained the divorce she placed the girl in
the care of her former husband's mother,
with whom she lived until her grandmother died ein months later. The girl was
then taken by Lailement and Mrs. Loda,
who have had her since, it is alleged.

The hearing was laid over vesterday on
actount of the absence of Lailement, whe
will be in court to-morrow.

LICENSE REVOKED;

D. Seebold, One of First Saloonkeepers Arrested for Violating Sunday Law, Takes Carbolic Acid-Out of Danger,

John D. Seebold, one of the first saloon-keepers arrested for violating the Sunday closing law, attempted to commit suicide in his home. No. \$603, Well's avenue, yetterday morning by taking carbolic scid. Doctors Watt and Fitzpatrick have pronounced him out of danger.

Seebold kept a saloon at No. \$66 Cass avenue, it is helieved that worty over the troubles which grew out of the revocation of his floense prompted his act. In Seebold's sense Judge Moore held that a man must first be convicted of violating the saloon law hefore Excise Commissioner Mulvihiii can revoke the floense.

Seebold was arrested for opening his saloon Sunday. He gave hend and resumed selling flouor. Excise Commissioner Mulvihiii tried him and revoked his floense. Seebold continued to sell and he was again arrested, this time charged with selling flouor without a floense.

Represented by Former Attorney General Crow and former City Counselor Schmittmacher. Seebold appeared in the Court of Criminal Correction, admitted that he sold flouor after the Excise Commissioner and revoked the floense, but contended that Mulvihill had no right to revoke the floense until after the defendant had been convicted. Judge Moore sustained the defesse.

Seebold has been worrying since his troubles began. He told his wife yesterday morning about \$29, when he went to his room, that he wanted to take a good long rest. He had been complaining since Priday morning of feeling fil.

Half an hour later the odor of carbolic acid was detected in the hall near his toom by a member of the family. Mrs. Seebold was actified and she found her limband semiconscions. Doctors Watt and Fitapatrick were summoned.

An ambulance also was called from the fits hispensary, but it was decided before

Fitapatrick were summoned.

An ambulance also was called from the lity Lispensary, but it was decided before it arrived that they would keep Seehold at his home and not send him to the hos-

DURING LAST TWO WEEKS.

Mortuary Report Shows Decrease Paramonia-Slight Increase in Total Mortality Shown.

SI MULEY OF VITAL

STATISTICS FOR WEEK.

No deaths from smallpox in St.
Louis and ne cases reported. The same condition prevailed the week KNEW BOILER WAS WEAK.

Diego, Cal. July 22 Commander expressed the opinion that there expressed in one of the boilers, but

week before
Birtis reported, 28, 8 less than
the preceding week
Deaths from consumption, 17,
Deaths from Bright's disease, 15,
Deaths from heart-stroke, 14,
Deaths from senility, 12,
Deaths by violence, 10,
Foor suicides and 1 homicide.

Three Perhaps Will Die.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 22.—Fifteen persons were injured, eleven of them seriously and three of them probably fatally, in a colition between two electric cars on the line of the Portsmouth Electric Railway near this city, early this morning. The cars crashed together on a steep grade, and while rounding a curve, neither motorman seeing the other car in time to prevent a collision.

The most seriously injured.

Mrs. Wallace Junkins, Portsmouth, both legs broken, not expected to recover.

Mrs. G. B. Pahls, Portsmouth, compound fracture of the leg. injured internally; in a critical condition.

Four-year-oid child of Mrs. J. B. Payls of Portsmouth; condition critical.

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SHOOT AT FLEEING NEGRO. Much Excitement Created in Chase for Prisoner.

Four shots fired by Sergeant Sullivan and Policeman Emerson at a fleeing negro-created much excitement for families ity-ing pear West Pine boulevard and Newing near West Pine boulevard and Newstead axenue yesterday morning.

The policemen met the axgro on the
street and questioned him. He said he
was employed at No. 4425 West Pine toulevard, but at that number it was found
that he was not known.

At Newstead and West Pine, when the
policemen were taking him to the station
the negro ferked away and struck Patrolman Emerson in the face. He ran and
was followed by the policemen, who fired
four shots at him, bringing him to a hait.
At the police station the negro gave his
name as Woody Johnson. He is being held
pending an investigation.

JERRY SIMPSON NO BETTER.

SUIT FOR GIRL IS LAID OVER. Physicians Declare Former Congressman's Condition Critical. Roswell, N. Y. July 2.—The condition of Jerry Simpson, former Congressman from Kansse, is declared to be critical by

the physicians in charge.

He has suffered a rupture of one of the main arteries near the heart, and any violent motion of the body might cause instant death, but should nothing occur to cause the absolute breaking of the tissue about the blood vessel he may recover.

rover.
He is able to be dressed, but the doctors say he will be confined to the house-for some time.

Rural Free Bellvery. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Washington, July 2 -Rural free deliv-ery service has been established to begin October 2 as follows: Kansa-Gardell Pawase County, route I area covered fifty equare miles; population served Missouri-Poles, Lincoln County, route I area covered fifteen square miles, population served Technology, population served Technology

Reval carriers appointed
Missouri-Arrowrock Brasst Harvey carrier.
Lester Dickson, substitute Cameron B. S.
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A. Poster carrier, Ence Van Winkle, substitute, Fartle, Homer Calkina caveler, W. R.
Smith, substitute, Flattsburg, Albert Stencia,
carrier, H. C. Walker, substitute,
Oklahoma-Charlamoom, C. J. Canada, catrier, C. H. Chanda, substitute, Hayward, R.
R. Snyler, carrier, George Boyder, substitute.

MIDWAY AT JEFFERSON CLUB CARNIVAL PROMISES TO VISITORS MANY AMUSEMENTS



J. D. McCARTY, Musical Director.

All preliminary arrangements for the Jefferson Chib Carnival, and Democratic Celebration, to be held at Handlan's Park, from July 29 to August 4, have been completed by the Entertainment Committee. Carpenters will begin work to-morrow constructing the large Midway with its booths and other accommodations for the noting the large Midway with his erived for the Country Store, where will and other accommodations for the be raffied everything from a paper of The Midway will be 200 feet wide into to a first chase function. The Coun-

PASSENGER DITCHED

BY TRAIN WRECKERS

Texas Railway Offers \$1,000 Reward for Men Who Loosened Rails and Caused Accident in Which Two Lost Lives.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Houston, Tex., July 22—The Southern I neithe's California-bound passenger train, which was wrecked hist night near Sanwicken, killing two persons, was ditched which was wrecked last hight from San-derson, killing two persons, was ditched by train wreckers.

They selected a snarp curve, and with a pick broke the bolts at a rail joint, loos-ening an angle tan. The end of one rail was then shoved a foot forward. The pick

was their shoved a root forward. To prove and loosened angle-bar were found some distance from the wreck.

The engine turned a somersault, crushing beneath it Engineer C. E. Tomkins and Fireman J. Taylor, killing both. The tender and baggage car piled over the engine

Passenger cars remained on the rails and Passenger cars remarked on the land and passengers, after allghing, saw two men standing on a precipice some distance away, looking upon the wreck. They both shortly disappeared. It is believed they were Mexicans.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL. BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL.

To-day the Southern Pacific offered a \$1,000 reward for their capture. Bloodhounds and a posse of officers and citizens started on their trail at daylight, but owing to the rugged character of the country it is feared they will escape.

This is the fourth wreak inside of four months the Southern Pacific has suffered at the hands of train wreckers.

The one previous to this was near Jennings, i.a., about ten days ago, where an attempt was made to ditch the Sanset Express by breaking onen a switch but we attempt was mase to after the Sanset Ex-press by breaking open a switch, but ow-ing to its being late, a freight, which was running on its schedule, ran into the switch and was ditched, killing the en-gineer and injuring several of the crew.

> New Illinois Corporations. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Springfield, Di. July 22. Certificates of incorporation were issued to-day by Sec-retary of State Rose as follows: The Browne Williams Cost Company, Spring-field, capital work, floored, nining and manu-facturing machinery. Incorporators Thomas J.

Browne George J Minroe and Albert L. Treile.

The Scover Automobile Company Prespect, capital speech Sittent manufacturing machinery incorporation—lacob Weise, J. P. Smith and D. C. Stover.

The National Drain Tile company, located at Terre Hunte, ind. with a capital stock of Simons, in homeous to tamous manues in lilinoise, with a State capital of \$15,000.

The Neel-Armstrong Company, Scrated at Portland, Me., with a capital stock of \$20,000.

In Hormood to transact business in Himos with a State capital of \$10.00.

The Himos oil and Ga Company, located at The Himos oil and Ga Company, located at The Himos oil and Ga Company, located at The librate of and Car Company, located at Pittsburg, Ps. with a capital stock of \$80,000 is licensed to transact burdless in Illinois with a State capital stock of \$125,000.

ARREST MEN AFTER STRUGGLE.

After He Strikes Policemen. Thomas Lynch Is "Put Out." Policeman Reardon of the Central District, after a struggle yesterday morning near Eleventh and Olive streets, arrested Thomas Lynch, Harry Horracks and John

Thomas Lynch, Harry Horracks and John M. Scanlon.
Scanlon and Lynch were fighting when the policeman appeared. Lynch knocked Scanlon to the ground, rendering him unconscious, Lynch tried to escape, but was caught by Patrolman Reardon. Lynch struck the policeman, who "put him out with a blow on the line. Horracks then interfered, and he, too, was arrested. None of the injured men was seriously hurt.

Lonch lives at No. 224 Howard street and Scanlon at No. 118 East Whittler street.

MISSING GIRL WRITES HOME. Asks Forgiveness for Departing and Leave to Return.

try Store promises to be one of the unique features of the carnival, and present indications are that it will attract as much if not more attention than any other show on the Pike.

Another attraction which bits fair to excite the keepest rivalry, is the old-time Fiddler's Contest. About thirty contest ants have entered, representing Kentucky, Arkansas, Illinois, namy countles in Missouri and a dozen more from St. Louis. GLIDDEN AUTO **TOUR IS ENDED**

Twenty Nine Motor Cars Containing 100 Persons Arrive at Starting Place in New York.

New York, July 22.—Twenty-nine motor cats, containing about 100 persons, were in line when the survivors of the Charles J. Glidden trophy tour made their appearance to-night at the Automobile Club in Fifth avenue from which place their trip to the White Mountains was started. The event was given under the nuspices of the American Automobile Association, and was a success in every detail.

As far as breakages and accidents were concerned, according to the Touring Committee, it was 25 per cent better than any other tour, and from a social standpoint the event was even more successful than the St. Louis tour.

Augustus Foest, chalrman of the Touring Committee of the American Automobile Association, led the prosecution. He was accompanied by Mr. Glidden of Boston, the donor of the trophy.

The tourism left this city on Tuesday of last week, journeying through New England and chambing Mount Washington. Every variety of American cars was represented in the four and the results of the run, were remarkable. No decision as to who won the time trophy, it was sake teningle, could be reached until a meeting of the committee is held in Roston on August 2. At this meeting new rules will be adopted and a route selected for next year.

Julia Williams, 16 years old, who disappeared from the home of her father. Andrew Williams, No. 36 Russell avenue, and the contest in Tower Grove Park Concert.

July 15, wrote home last Friday, asking forgiveness for leaving and stating that she desired to return home.

She was living at No. 389 Russell avenue under the name of Lena Meyer, it is stated. The family with whom she was stopping vester-day telephoned her uncles. Departy Sheriff August Eurger, of No. 2285 Missouri avenue, asking if she might be brought to his house. He answered in the affirmative.

She was employed at the Inland Type Foundry at Twelfth and Locust streets. T. W. C. A. Monthly Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association will take place Wednesday at 10 o'clock, in the rooms of the association, No. 26 North Garrison avenue.

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